

Highlands Center

at Cape Cod National Seashore

Our Mission

The Highlands Center fosters the unique cultural and natural heritage of Cape Cod by facilitating scientific research, the arts tradition, and educational programs atop the dramatic sea cliffs of Cape Cod National Seashore.

Our Partners



Highlands Center, Inc. (HCI) is the non-profit Fundraising Partner designated by NPS. It is anticipated that HCI will gradually assume many of the overall operations and maintenance responsibilities from NPS, including identifying and coordinating program partners, raising funds, receiving grants, and serving as a conduit for financing. For more information about HCI, visit their website www.hcitruro.org.

Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod (ACC) offers a diverse group of trained adults a residential living opportunity serving the critical environmental and disaster preparedness needs of Barnstable County. Part of a national network, it pairs service-minded volunteers with citizens, educators, scientists, and environmental professionals to promote land and water conservation, environmental education and disaster preparedness. For more information about ACC, visit their website www.rdoac.org/amerikorps

Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro (PPACT) is a pioneering Program Partner with a seasonal tent located at the Highlands Center. PPACT produces affordable, professional theatre, art, and music. Their second year of programming at this site included drama classes, yoga, independent films, music, storytelling, period actors, magicians, political satirist and much more. PPACT is a member of the Cape Cod Theatre Coalition. For more information about Payomet, visit their website www.payomet.org.

Fine Arts Work Center (FAWC) in Provincetown, where artists and writers in the early stages of their careers are nurtured in a seven-month residency program, inspired by professionals and by the Cape Cod environment since its inception in 1968. The center also provides a year-round series of readings and exhibits, an open enrollment summer workshop program, and a MFA degree program in visual arts. For more information about FAWC, visit their website www.fawc.org.

The National Park Service owns the site and directs the redevelopment project. The park's **North Atlantic Coastal Laboratory** has operated at the site for a number of years is actively involved in scientific research. Two buildings were recently renovated and in summer 2007 were made operational for use by the **NPS Atlantic Research Center (ARC)**. The ARC promotes research and information exchange on the physical and biological systems within or affecting Cape Cod National Seashore. For more information on the ARC, email Carrie Phillips, carrie_phillips@nps.gov.

Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill has agreed to oversee the operational management and facilitation of a wood burning kiln, performing such services as constructing the actual kiln, and operating open pottery programs at the site. The installation of a wood burning kiln in partnership with HCI will advance the Highlands Center mission, constituting a joint effort that will foster benefits to local artists and craftspeople, attractiveness to visitors, and a unique form of artistic education in the community. For more information about Castle Hill, visit their website at www.castlehill.org.

Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies has been active at the Highlands Center since 2004 with the construction of its coastal observation station. Researchers investigate coastal processes and conditions of the bluff are collected daily to further our understanding of coastal erosion and sediment movement. The Center for Coastal Studies is dedicated to scientific research of coastal ecosystems and marine mammals, promoting stewardship, conservation, and education in related areas. For more information, visit their website at: www.coastalstudies.org